

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/084,806, filed February 25, 2002, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/696,651, filed October 25, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,375,608, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/483,466, filed January 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,165,122, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/935,723, filed September 23, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,077,218, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/720,556, filed October 2, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,702,343.

Claims 28 - 41 are pending. Applicant asserts domestic priority for each of claims 28 - 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 at least back to the October 2, 1996 filing date of S.N. 08/720,556.

Applicant has submitted an Information Disclosure Statement herewith. The Examiner is requested to consider the pending claims with respect to the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement.

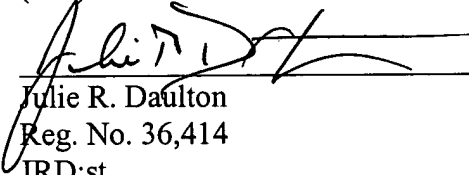
The Examiner's attention is directed to the other patents that have issued in this family. These include: 5,702,343; 6,126,590; 6,077,218; 6,165,121; 6,165,122; 6,375,608; and 6,544,168. These patents have been cited on the Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner is requested to consider the pending claims with respect to the issued claims for any issues of patenting or obviousness-type double patenting. The Examiner's attention is also directed to the parent application, Application Serial No. 10/367,346. The Examiner is requested to consider those claims with respect to the pending claims for any issues of provisional double patenting or provisional obviousness-type double patenting. If the Examiner believes a Terminal Disclaimer is needed, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned who will arrange for the execution of a Terminal Disclaimer.

Applicant requests examination and a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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